

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously amended): A method of managing a telecommunication network including:

- receiving connection requests, said connections being determined on the basis of parameters contained in said requests and including time parameters,

- verifying the possibility of setting up the connections in accordance with said parameters, on the basis of a database in which all connections are stored, and

- updating said database if setting up said connection is possible,

wherein the step of receiving connection requests, the step of verifying the possibility of setting up the connections, and the step of updating said database are performed by a scheduler program which spans a services management layer and a network management layer.

2. (original): The network management method claimed in claim 1 wherein said time parameters correspond to series of time intervals having a periodic character.

3. (original): The network management method claimed in claim 2 wherein said time parameters take the form of a duration of uses/reservations repeated daily and/or weekly and/or monthly and/or annually.

4. (original): The network management method claimed in claim 1 wherein said time parameters correspond to series of time intervals having an aperiodic character.

5. (original): The network management method claimed in claim 4 wherein said time parameters include data corresponding to an absolute time and a finite or indefinite duration.

6. (original): The network management method claimed in claim 1 wherein the updating of available connections in said database allows for said time parameters.

7. (previously amended): A telecommunication network management unit including:

- means for receiving connection requests, said connections being determined on the basis of parameters contained in said requests and including time parameters,

- means for verifying the possibility of setting up the connections in accordance with said parameters, on the basis of a database in which all calls are stored,

- means for updating said database accordingly, and

- means for reserving connections allowing for time parameters,

wherein the means for receiving connection requests spans a services management layer and a network management layer.

8. (original): The network management unit claimed in claim 7 including means for updating connections in said network according to the content of said database, which contains reservations allowing for time parameters.